GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.48
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th NOVEMBER 2019

UGC

†48.SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/UGC has identified the educationally backward districts in Gujarat where gross enrolment ratio is lesser than the national average percentage;

(b) if so, the names of the districts which have been identified in 2011 census; and

(c) the efforts made or being made by the Government to improve the level of higher education in these districts?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (c): An Expert Committee constituted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) had identified 374 Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) where Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education was less than the national average of 12.4% based on 2001 census data. Amongst the 374 EBDs, 20 districts were identified in the State of Gujarat. The list of 20 EBDs in the State of Gujarat is **annexed.**

The Centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is being implemented by the Ministry of Human Resource Development with the aim of promoting access, equity and quality. *Inter alia*, the scheme provides central assistance to States for creation of Model Degree Colleges, infrastructure grants to college and universities, creation of universities either through upgradation of existing autonomous colleges or clustering of colleges etc.

The Project Approval Board (PAB) of RUSA has approved an amount of Rs. 293.15 crores, under various components, for 20 identified EBDs in the State of Gujarat. The list of Model Degree Colleges approved in these 20 EBDs under the erstwhile scheme of Model Degree Colleges is **annexed.** The GER of Gujarat has increased from 16.5 in 2011-12 to 20.4 in 2018-19.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †48 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH NOVEMBER, 2019 REGARDING UGC ASKED BY SHRI. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR, HON'BLE M.P.

List of Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs) identified as per 2001 census data in the State of Gujarat and Model Degree Colleges approved

S.No	Name of the EBD	No. of Model Degree Colleges approved	Name of the Institute
1.	Amreli	1	Government Arts & Commerce College, Jafarabad, Amreli
2.	Banaskantha	1	Government Arts & Commerce College, Tharad
3.	Bharuch	1	Government Arts College, Jhagadiya, Bharuch
4.	Bhavnagar	1	Government Arts College,Talaja
5.	Dang	1	Government Science College, Ahwa
6.	Dohad	2	1. Government Science College,Jhalod,Dist.Dahod 2. Government Arts College, Dhanpur, Dahod
7.	Jamnagar	1	Government Arts College, Jam-kalyanpur, jamnagar
8.	Junagad	1	Government Arts College, Bhesan, Junagadh
9.	Kachchh	0	
10.	Kheda	1	Government Arts & Commerce College, Kathalal,Kheda
11.	Mahesana	1	Government Science College, Vadnagar, Mehsana
12.	Narmada	1	Government Arts College, Sagbara, Narmada
13.	Panch Mahals	0	
14.	Patan	1	Government Arts & Commerce College, Sami, Patan
15.	Porbandar	1	Government Arts College, Ranavav, Porbandar
16.	Rajkot	1	Government Arts College, Kotada Sangani, Rajkot
17.	Sabarkantha	1	Government Arts College, Bayad, sabarkantha (bifurcated into Aravalli)
18.	Surat	1	Government Arts College,Vankal,Mangarol
19.	Surendranagar	1	Government Arts College, Chotila
20.	Valsad	1	Government Arts College, kaprada, Valsad
	Total	**19**	

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